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## Celebrating Rachel Carson at Asilomar State Beach

*PACIFIC GROVE, Calif.* – California State Parks invites the public to tour Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds in memory of Rachel Carson, an early catalyst of the environmental movement. “Celebration of Rachel Carson” tours are being held November 7 and December 5 at 10 and 11 a.m.

Tours are part of a Pacific Grove Public Library sponsored event. Led by state park staff, participants will learn about the native Monterey Pine forest, the Asilomar Dunes Preserve, experience amazing scenic ocean views, bracing salt air, and exult in the dashing waves upon the rocky seashore coves as they walk through the spectacular natural environment of Asilomar State Park.

Selected excerpts from Rachel Carson’s writings will be shared along the way, as participants consider Carson’s influence on the community’s awareness of the need for environmental protection. Carson remains a relevant voice for communities who care about their environment and the quality of life that an eco-conscious viewpoint results in. Carson’s training was as a marine biologist, and much of her writing is applicable to locales with Marine Protected Area designation – such as Asilomar/Pacific Grove.

Participants will be walking on an approximate 1.5-mile trail of varying surfaces: asphalt, boardwalk, sand and dirt. Layered clothing is recommended, as well as comfortable shoes. Note: hikes will be cancelled in the event of rain.

To RSVP, or for additional information on the tours, please contact State Park Interpreter, Lisa Bradford at the Asilomar State Beach Office: 831-646-6443 or [Asilomar.Interp@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Asilomar.Interp@parks.ca.gov). For information on the state beach, please visit [www.parks.ca.gov/asilomar](http://www.parks.ca.gov/asilomar).

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